Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—It is a salutary practice to transfer Surgeons. There is a Government Order to that effect. The wording of the order is that medical officers should ordinarily be transferred once in three years.

President.—From your point of view, certain transfers are not desirable in the interests of the Medical Department; how can it be salutary?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not salutary to make it an absolute rule. Only when their retention in particular places leads to an unsatisfactory state of affairs, is it a salutary rule.

President.—These circumstances are exceptional, so that the rule should be not to transfer them, but order their transfer for special purposes and special reasons.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, Sir. I do not agree with the Diwan's Proceedings. I have already brought it to the notice of the Government. Specially for the information of the House I say that in Hospitals, where men have been trained to do some special work, it is quite inadvisable to transfer them once in 3 years. Regard should be had to the excellence of the work carried on in such Hospitals, and so it is not advisable to give effect to this rule absolutely. And so, in places like the Trichur Lunatic Asylum and other places, where men have learned specialised work, it is not a salutary rule at all.

The transfer of Registrars.

496. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether in the case of District Registrars any rule or understanding or practice exists necessitating periodical transfers;

(b) if so, do the Government think it desirable to keep on the rule, understanding or practice?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to the answer to part (a) of the question No. 151 of the Vrischigam sitting.

(b) Yes, as far as practicable.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Would it not be a salutary practice to keep Registrars, as far as possible, in the same place in order to prevent offences under the Regulation of Identifications?

President.—This is a matter of opinion. From your standpoint you think it is good, but the Government view is that transfer at the end of three years is desirable. Opinions may differ.

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